Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9:

When~~ a~~ consideration is given to ~~that the softwares~~ <u>software that</u> may be further delivered via~~the~~ <u>a</u> network in the future, ~~it needs not be pointed out that~~ it becomes very necessary to maintain safety of the software that is downloaded and to cope with~~the~~ abnormal operation that may ~~happen~~<u>occur</u>. However, no conventional system is capable of coping with the demand to a sufficient degree.

Amendments to the existing claims:

1. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes~~,~~<u>:</u>

an application that operates upon being downloaded onto said local server;

a script describing~~the~~ operation of~~said~~ <u>the</u> application; and

~~a~~fault countermeasure means for coping with~~the~~ occurrence of a fault; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

~~a~~remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after~~the~~ processing has~~been~~ finished;

~~a~~script interpretation means for interpreting the script and for requesting~~said~~ <u>the</u> application to execute~~the processing~~; and

a̶ highly reliable means for recording event data that occur while s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application is being executed, for managing t̶h̶e̶ data when t̶h̶e̶ a fault has occurred, and for executing t̶h̶e̶ restoration processing.

2. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 1, wherein said remote management means includes:

center server data and application data;̶:

a̶ request processing means that w̶o̶r̶k̶s̶ i̶n̶ r̶e̶s̶p̶o̶n̶s̶e̶ responds to a request for executing s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application;

a̶n̶ application downloading means for downloading the application from said center server based upon s̶a̶i̶d̶ the center server data and s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application data; and

a̶n̶ application management means for executing t̶h̶e̶ p̶r̶o̶c̶e̶s̶s̶i̶n̶g̶ f̶o̶r̶ d̶r̶i̶v̶i̶n̶g̶ o̶r̶ and deleting s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application based on s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application data.

3. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 1, wherein said script interpretation means includes:

a script definition and a list of events;

a̶n̶ interpretation means for interpreting s̶a̶i̶d̶ the script in accordance with s̶a̶i̶d̶ the script definition and for outputting an event corresponding to t̶h̶e̶ content of d̶e̶f̶i̶n̶i̶t̶i̶o̶n̶ o̶f̶ s̶a̶i̶d̶ the script; and

a̶n̶ event drive means for fetching s̶a̶i̶d̶ the event and for picking up a̶ processing that is driven by s̶a̶i̶d̶ the event according to s̶a̶i̶d̶ the list of events.

4. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 1, wherein s̶a̶i̶d̶ the script is described in XML (extensible markup language), and the script definition is described in DTD (document type definition).

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5. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 1, wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

~~a~~ fault data-obtaining means for obtaining fault data from said local server ~~in case~~ when a fault has occurred; and

~~a~~ fault countermeasure-notifying means for determining the countermeasure against the fault ~~in case~~ when the fault has occurred and for notifying ~~it to~~ said local server; and

said highly reliable means includes:

~~a~~ fault detector means for detecting ~~the~~ occurrence of a fault ~~that has occurred~~;

~~a~~ fault data correction means for correcting the fault data when the fault has occurred;

~~a~~ fault-notifying means for ~~notifying said~~ sending the fault data to said center server;

~~a~~ restoration means for restoring, after the fault, relying upon the countermeasure against the fault from said center server; and

~~an~~ event collection means for ~~correcting~~ collecting and recording ~~said~~ the event data.

6. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 5, wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

a list of fault countermeasures, storing countermeasures against faults for each ~~of the kinds~~ kind of the fault data; and

said fault countermeasure-notifying means includes:

~~a~~ fault countermeasure detector means for detecting a countermeasure against a fault corresponding to the kind of the fault data based upon a list of the fault countermeasures; and

a̶ notifying means for̶ ̶n̶o̶t̶i̶f̶y̶i̶n̶g̶ sending the countermeasure against fault to said local server.

7. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 1, wherein said fault countermeasure means includes:

a̶ fault data-obtaining means for obtaining fault data̶ ̶o̶f̶, concerning when the fault has occurred, from said local server; and

said highly reliable means includes:

a̶ fault detector means for detecting ̶t̶h̶e̶ occurrence of a fault;

a̶ fault data collection means for collecting fault data̶ ̶o̶f̶ when the fault has occurred;

a̶ restoration means for autonomously coping with̶ ̶t̶h̶e̶ occurrence of a fault̶ ̶t̶o̶ and automatically̶ ̶r̶e̶s̶t̶o̶r̶e̶ restoring after the fault;

a̶ notifying means for̶ ̶n̶o̶t̶i̶f̶y̶i̶n̶g̶ sending the fault data and̶ ̶t̶h̶e̶ ̶d̶a̶t̶a̶ ̶o̶f̶ automatic restoration data to said center server; and

a̶n̶ event collection means for collecting and recording the event data.

8. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 1, ̶w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶i̶n̶ ̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ including a plurality of local servers̶ ̶e̶x̶i̶s̶t̶ ̶i̶n̶ ̶a̶ ̶p̶l̶u̶r̶a̶l̶ ̶n̶u̶m̶b̶e̶r̶, each ̶o̶f̶ ̶w̶h̶i̶c̶h̶ local server including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, said script interpretation means, and said highly reliable means.

9. (Amended) A̶ The software management system according to claim 8, ̶w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶i̶n̶ ̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ including a plurality of center servers̶ ̶e̶x̶i̶s̶t̶ ̶i̶n̶ ̶a̶ ̶p̶l̶u̶r̶a̶l̶ ̶n̶u̶m̶b̶e̶r̶, each̶ ̶o̶f̶ ̶w̶h̶i̶c̶h̶ center server including ̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ the application, ̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ the script, and said fault countermeasure means.

10. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ including a plurality of said local servers ~~exist in a plural number~~, at least one of ~~which~~ said local servers including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, said script interpretation means, and said highly reliable means, and other local servers including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said script interpretation means.

11. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes ~~;~~ :

an application that operates upon being downloaded onto said local server; and

a script describing ~~the~~ operation of ~~said~~ the application; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

~~a~~ remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after ~~the~~ processing has ~~been~~ finished; and

~~a~~ script interpretation means for interpreting the script and for requesting ~~said~~ the application to execute ~~the processing~~.

12. (Amended) ~~A~~ The software management system according to claim 11, ~~wherein said~~ including a plurality of local servers ~~exist in a plural number~~, each ~~of which~~ local server including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said script interpretation means.

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13. (Amended) A software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to said center server via a wide-area network, wherein:

said center server includes~:~

an application that operates upon being downloaded on-to said local server; and

a~fault countermeasure means for coping with~the~ occurrence of a fault; and

said local server includes:

a network-directed language execution environment;

a~remote management means for downloading the application from said center server, and for deleting the application after~the~ processing has~been~ finished; and

a~highly reliable means for recording event data that occur while ~said~ the application is being executed, for managing~the~ data when~the~ a fault has occurred, and for executing~the~ restoration processing.

14. (Amended) ~A~The software management system according to claim 13, ~wherein said~including a plurality of local servers~exist in a plural number~, each ~of which~local server including said network-directed language execution environment, said remote management means, and said highly reliable means.

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